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Looked for at Honolulu at Any Moment on the 14th.

WHEN STEAMER MARIPOSA SAILED.

Caused by the News Received by the Steamer Corwin.

GREATEST SECRECY MAINTAINED.

Excitement Caused by President Cleveland's Message.

THE QUEEN CAN'T BE RESTORED.

Conditionally or Otherwise, so Long as There is an American Alive in Hawaii—The Provisional Government Firm and Will Resist United States Troops—Probability That an Independent Republic Will be Formed—It Comes Out That the Queen Whom Mr. Cleveland Has Tried to Sustain Has for Her Chief Adviser the British Minister—Thus Has Our President Been Playing Into England's Hand—Suspicious Action of a British War Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press correspondent writes privately as follows just as the steamer Mariposa was preparing to leave the dock for her voyage to San Francisco:

"Since the arrival of the Corwin this morning affairs are in a very excited condition here. The rumor is prevalent that the officers of the United States warships have ordered their wives to leave by the Mariposa. The greatest secrecy is maintained. The provisional government is confident and will fight if attacked. At the present writing Americans and the government are prepared for the fight which may be precipitated at any moment. The government still persists in the belief that no trouble will occur. This is not the general opinion among Americans. The militia are all prepared and within twenty minutes a thousand men could be in the field to defend the provisional government."

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HONOLULU, Dec. 14, via San Francisco, Steamer Mariposa, Dec. 21.—The last news received from the United States was by a sailing vessel which arrived December 11. The barkentine, George Perkins, brought the text of ex-Queen Liliuokalani's statement as given to Commissioner Blount. Prominent Royalists, among whom were ex-Marshall Charles B. Wilson, admitted at once that the statement by the ex-queen was virtually correct, and set forth in a succinct manner the claims relied upon by the queen's party.

Interviews had with leading Annexationists showed the effect of the admissions. They hold that the ex-queen, in admitting she had prepared a new constitution ready to force upon the foreigners, has admitted the ground work upon which the revolution of last January was based.

In an interview with ex-Marshall Charles B. Wilson, that gentleman said that his report, given Mr. Blount, was supplemental to the ex-queen's, and would explain many things which were not stated in detail by her. Careful inquiry shows that several portions of Mr. Wilson's statement to Mr. Blount were cancelled before it left Hawaii, and, if the testimony of persons who claim to know shall have weight, his deposition to Blount will not reach the American public in its original shape, as presented to the American commissioner.

At the present writing the political situation at Honolulu is in a state of abeyance, awaiting the news expected to arrive by the steamer Alameda on the 21st inst. Since the diplomatic notes exchanged between the provisional government and Minister Willis nothing further has transpired. In the meantime the provisional government is carrying out the plans of defense already reported, and the last 5,000 sand bags are being filled to-day, to be placed in position upon the upper verandas of the executive building in case an attack is made.

DEPEND ON MR. CLEVELAND.

Conversations with leading Royalists develop the belief that President Cleveland will endeavor to carry out his policy of restoration, and that he will receive sufficient backing in the present Congress to enable him to do so. They admit the entire dependence on their cause rests now upon the firmness displayed by Mr. Cleveland. They admit that without the armed support of the United States they have no hopes of re-establishing the monarchy, and that without foreign aid they have no hope of overthrowing the provisional government.

Minister Willis has absolutely nothing to say on the situation beyond a reiteration that he is awaiting instructions from Washington, which have been made necessary by certain contingencies which have arisen since his arrival. What these contingencies are no man knows officially.

The royalists claim that if Congress refuses to settle the matter in favor of the ex-queen as proposed by Mr. Cleveland, the Hawaiian affair is liable at any moment to assume international proportions, and hint that both England and Japan will take a hand, but little credence is given this view. It is learned upon authority coming directly from the ex-queen's residence that after her recent interview with Minister Willis she at once went to British Minister Wodehouse and thanked him for the advice he had previously given as to how she should conduct her negotiations with the United States government through its Hawaiian representative.

THE BRITISH "SAWING WOOD." All efforts to find out the position to be taken by the British in case trouble occurs have thus far failed. Everybody connected with the British legation is conspicuously silent. Within the last few days the British cruiser Champion steamed out ostensibly for target practice, kept within two miles of shore for over two hours, taking inland bearings, and then steamed out about seven miles and began target practice, after which she returned suddenly to the harbor, being away about one-third of the usual time occupied by British vessels upon such occasions. This procedure has been variously commented upon by the Royalists and Annexationists.

Inquiry into the ex-queen's policy in case of her restoration is outlined by several of her leading politicians to be one in which general amnesty will be granted to her opponents with few ex-

ceptions. After careful inquiry among the leading Royalists these exceptions were learned to be President Dole, Minister Thurston, Attorney W. O. Smith and Chief Justice Judd, of the supreme court. The Annexationists claim that the ex-queen will never have a chance to display either her good will or hatred against these men, or any others so long as there is an American alive in Hawaii. Among the Annexationists, the idea of the establishment of a commonwealth in Hawaii, in case the present government is left upon its own resources, seems to be taking deep root. In case such a plan should materialize in the future the American model will probably be followed.

THE CORWIN ARRIVES.

At six o'clock this morning the United States revenue cutter, Corwin, arrived unexpectedly in the harbor. Almost as soon as the Corwin dropped her anchors in naval row Captain Munger came ashore and went at once to the American legation, where he remained closeted with Minister Willis for over an hour. It is learned positively that he delivered extensive dispatches from Washington at the legation.

This morning at 9:30 the Associated Press representative called at the executive building and found all the ministers, including President Dole, in their offices. Interviews with the cabinet show that the government interprets President Cleveland's message to Congress, which the star published in an extra this morning, to mean that he will restore the ex-queen peacefully, if possible, and in case he finds this cannot be done will refer the matter to Congress for further action. President Dole assured the Associated Press representative that in case Minister Willis made any advances either before or after the sailing of the Mariposa looking toward restoration, this government wished it announced in the most public manner that such negotiations would make no headway here, and if pushed would be absolutely rejected by the provisional government.

"The provisional government," said President Dole, "has arranged every detail for protecting life and property, and is also well prepared to resist with force the overthrow of the provisional government if attempted by external means. Yes, you can say that if the worst comes we will make a stubborn resistance."

PREPARING TO RESIST.

A special session of the executive council adjourned at 3 p. m., after considering the situation and discussing further plans of defense in case of unfriendly action by Willis. At 3 o'clock no communication had been received by the cabinet from Minister Willis. Late this afternoon a visit to the executive building showed an active state of preparation, and the officers expressed themselves as ready for the unexpected should it happen. The Royalists are uneasy at the prospect, and Annexationists declare that if they are forced to go down it will be with colors flying. The very latest order which has been issued has been to the citizens reserve guard to be on the alert.

4:40 p. m.—The Mariposa is to sail in a few minutes. The Associated Press correspondent has just learned that the cipher dispatches received by Willis, per the Corwin, amounted to seven pages. They were translated by officers of the Philadelphia. One of the officers who made the translation, said to a responsible citizen this afternoon: "If I were a Royalist, knowing what I do, I would consider the game was up as far as the ex-queen is concerned."

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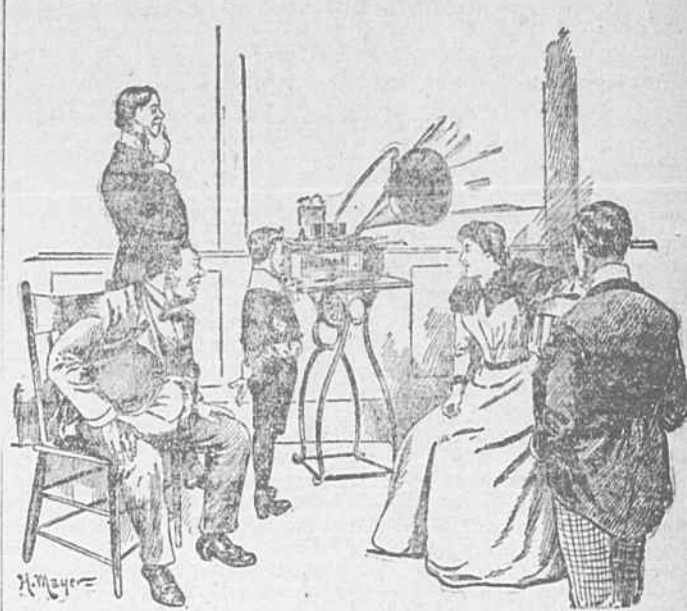
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